

Victim Compensation Quick Reference Guide

Available Benefits When the Victim is Surviving

	Who is eligible?	Description of Benefit	Benefit Limits*
Direct Victim CA resident or crime occurred in CA	(The person who is physically injured or threatened with physical injury due to crime or act of terrorism. Children who witness domestic violence are considered direct victims.)	Medical/medically-related. Includes but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor services, hospital, surgery; • Inpatient mental health treatment; • Eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, or prosthetic devices taken, lost, or destroyed by the crime, or that became necessary because of the crime; • Ambulance, dental, chiropractic, etc. <i>GC §13960(d)(1)</i>	\$70,000 for crimes on or after 1-1-01 (\$46,000 for crimes before 1/1/01)
		Income loss (Victim eligible for two, three, or five years loss, depending on crime date. No time limit if permanently disabled.) <i>GC §13965.1(a)(1)</i>	
		Job retraining/rehabilitation (when victim is disabled) <i>GC § 13965(a)(5)</i>	
		Home and/or vehicle renovation or retrofitting (when victim is permanently disabled) <i>GC § 13965(a)(7)</i>	
		Outpatient mental health treatment <i>GC §§13960(d)(2) & 13965(a)(1)(A)</i>	\$10,000
		Relocation <i>GC §13965(a)(4)</i>	\$2,000
		Home security installation or improvements (when crime occurred in victim's home) <i>GC §13965(a)(6)</i>	\$1,000
	Victim of unlawful sexual intercourse P.C.. 261.5(d) with felony charges	Outpatient mental health only Note: No benefits for other applicants. <i>GC §§13965(a)(E) & 13965(o)</i>	\$3,000
Other Applicant CA resident for crimes prior to 1/1/99 US resident for crimes on or after 1/1/99	Parent, stepparent, grandparent, sibling, spouse, child, or grandchild of victim	Outpatient mental health <i>GC §§13960(d)(2) & 13965(a)(1)(C)</i>	\$3,000
	Living with victim, or previously lived with victim for at least two years in relationship similar to parent, grandparent, stepparent, spouse, sibling, child, or grandchild of victim		
	Fiancé (fiancée) or other family member of victim; and witnessed crime		
	Primary caretaker of minor victim after crime		
	Non-USA resident family member when crime occurred in California	Outpatient mental health <i>GC §13960.6</i>	
	Eligible family member or other person who is legally or financially dependent on victim	Support loss (when victim is disabled and has exhausted his or her income loss) Note: Total support loss to all applicants due to one crime cannot exceed \$70,000 or (\$46,000). <i>GC §13965.1(a)(4)</i>	\$70,000 for crimes on or after 1/1/01 (\$46,000 for crimes before 1/1/01)
	Parent or legal guardian of minor victim who is hospitalized due to crime	Income loss for up to 30 days following crime (30 days do not have to be consecutive) <i>GC §13965.1(a)(2)</i>	
	Eligible applicant who is a primary caretaker of minor victim at time of crime.	Outpatient mental health <i>GC §§13960(d)(2) & 13965(a)(1)(D)</i>	\$10,000 (shared between no more than two primary care-takers)

*Total amount that can be paid on a claim is \$70,000 or \$46,000, depending on the date of the crime. Individual benefits have individual limits and are part of the maximum benefit.

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Available Benefits When the Victim is Deceased

	Who is eligible?	Description of Benefit	Benefit Limits*
Other Applicant CA resident for crimes prior to 1/1/99 US resident for crimes on or after 1/1/99	Anyone who pays or assumes legal responsibility for deceased victim's medical expenses	Medical <i>GC §§13960(d)(1) & 13965(a)(9)</i>	\$70,000 for crimes on or after 1/1/01 (\$46,000 for crimes before 1/1/01)
	Anyone who pays or assumes legal responsibility for victim's funeral and/or burial expenses	Funeral and/or burial <i>GC §13965(a)(9)</i>	Generally \$7,500, but may be increased with manager approval
	Anyone who makes funeral/burial arrangements for deceased victim	Up to five days income loss	
	Anyone who pays or assumes legal responsibility for crime scene cleanup expenses	Crime-scene cleanup (for homicides that occurred in a residence) <i>GC §13965(a)(13)</i>	\$1,000
	Parent, stepparent, sibling, spouse, or child of victim	Outpatient mental health <i>GC §§13960(d)(2) & 13965(a)(1)(B)</i>	\$10,000
	Fiancé (fiancée) or other family member of victim; witnessed crime		
	Grandparent, or grandchild of victim; other person living with victim or previously lived with victim for at least 2 years in relationship similar to parent, grandparent, sibling, spouse, child, or grandchild of the victim	Outpatient mental health <i>GC §13965(a)(1)(D)</i>	\$3,000
	Non-USA resident family member when crime occurred in California	Outpatient mental health <i>GC §13960.6</i>	
	Eligible family member or other person who was legally or financially dependent on victim	Support loss Note: Total support loss to all applicants due to one crime cannot exceed \$70,000 or (\$46,000). <i>GC §13965.1(a)(4)</i>	\$70,000 for crimes on or after 1/1/01 (\$46,000 for crimes before 1/1/01)
	Parent or legal guardian of minor victim who died due to crime	Income loss for up to 30 days following victim's death (30 days must be consecutive) <i>GC §13965.1(a)(3)</i>	\$70,000 for crimes on or after 1/1/01 (\$46,000 for crimes before 1/1/01)

General Eligibility Requirements

The direct victim and/or applicant must:

- ☐ Cooperate reasonably with police and court officials to arrest and prosecute the offender (*GC §§13964(c)(2) & 13964(d)(2)*)
- ☐ Cooperate with VCP staff and its representatives to verify the application (*GC § 13962(c)*)
- ☐ Not have been involved in events leading to the crime or have participated in the crime (*GC §§ 13964(b), 13964(c)(1), & 13964(d)(1)*)
- ☐ File the application within one year of the crime, or one year after the direct victim turns 18 years of age, whichever is later; Additional time may be granted in certain circumstances (*GC §§13961(c)(1), 13961(c)(2)(3), 13961.01, & 13961.05*)
- ☐ Submit claimed expenses to other available reimbursement sources such as insurance, medical benefits, prior to VCP payment (*GC §13960(d)*)

Emergency Awards (*GC § 13961.1*)

An Emergency Award (defined as an advance) may be requested for emergency medical expenses, income or support loss (for any victim), and/or relocation expenses (for a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault) for a maximum of \$2,000 or funeral/burial expenses for a maximum of \$5,000